

Privileges of the Floor: Page S8403

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—472) Pages S8321, S8341

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:27 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 18, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8403.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Chavonda J. Jacobs-Young, of Georgia, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, and Margo Schlanger, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Agriculture, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 594, to double the existing penalties for the provision of misleading or inaccurate caller identification information;

S. 1127, to require the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to make certain operational models available to the public;

S. 2699, to establish a cybersecurity literacy campaign, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Laurie E. Locascio, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology, Max Vekich, of Washington, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, Christopher A. Coes, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, and routine lists in the Coast Guard

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jessica Rosenworcel, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, who was introduced by Senator Blumenthal, Alvaro M. Bedoya, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, who was introduced by Senator Luján, and Jainey Kumar Bavishi, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Arun Venkataraman, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, both

of the Department of Commerce, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Martha Williams, of Montana, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Maria L. Pagan, of Puerto Rico, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Geneva Office), with the rank of Ambassador, Brent Neiman, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, and Joshua Frost, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury, Christi A. Grimm, of Colorado, to be Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, and Christopher S. Wilson, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Innovation and Intellectual Property Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Afghanistan, focusing on United States policy lessons learned, after receiving testimony from Laurel E. Miller, International Crisis Group, and Ryan Crocker, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, both of Washington, D.C.

SECURITY, TRADE, AND TRAVEL AT THE SOUTHWEST BORDER

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Government Operations and Border Management concluded a hearing to examine security, trade, and travel flows at the Southwest border ports of entry, focusing on the Federal government perspective, after receiving testimony from Diane J. Sabatino, Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection, and Jose M. Jeronimo, Deputy Assistant Director, Public Safety and Border Security Division, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, both of the Department of Homeland Security; and Stuart Burns, Assistant Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 648, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make a technical

correction to the water rights settlement for Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

LEGISLATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1364, to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, H.R. 1975, to take certain land located in San Diego County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Pala Band of Mission Indians, H.R. 2088, to take certain Federal lands in Tennessee into trust for the benefit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and H.R. 4881, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona certain land in Pima County, Arizona, after receiving testimony from Senators Burr and Tillis; Representatives Butterfield and Issa; Bryan Newland, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Harvey Godwin, Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, Pembroke; Robert Smith, Pala Band of Mission Indians, Pala, California; Richard G. Sneed, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee, North Carolina; and Peter Yucupicio, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Tucson, Arizona.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Bridget Meehan Brennan, Charles Esque Fleming, and David Augustin Ruiz, each to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, who were all introduced by Senators Brown and Portman, and John H. Chun, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, who was introduced by Senator Murray, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1296, to require a pilot program on activities under the Transition Assistance Program for a reduction in suicide among veterans, S. 1564, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide support to university law school programs that are designed to provide legal assistance to veterans, S. 1607, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve how the Department of Veterans Affairs discloses to individuals entitled to educational assistance from the Department risks associated with using such assistance at particular educational institutions and to restore entitlement of students to such assistance who are pursuing programs of education at educational institutions that are subject to Federal or State civil enforcement action, S. 1664, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to take certain actions to improve the proc-

essing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for disability compensation for post-traumatic stress disorder, S. 1838, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on using alternative credit scoring information for veterans and members of the Armed Forces, S. 1850, to preserve the memorials to chaplains at Arlington National Cemetery, S. 1881, to reauthorize and improve a grant program to assist institutions of higher education in establishing, maintaining, improving, and operating Student Veteran Centers, S. 1936, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for extensions of the time limitations for use of entitlement under Department of Veterans Affairs educational assistance programs by reason of school closures due to emergency and other situations, S. 2089, to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that grants provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for State veterans' cemeteries do not restrict States from authorizing the interment of certain deceased members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces in such cemeteries, S. 2329, to ensure that only licensed health care professionals furnish disability examinations under a certain Department of Veterans Affairs pilot program for use of contract physicians for disability examinations, S. 2405, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to States to improve outreach to veterans, S. 2431, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to require the employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs to receive training developed by the Inspector General of the Department on reporting wrongdoing to, responding to requests from, and cooperating with the Office of Inspector General, S. 2513, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the application and review process of the Department of Veterans Affairs for clothing allowance claims submitted by veterans, S. 2644, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to members of the National Guard who perform certain full-time duty, S. 2687, to provide the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs testimonial subpoena authority, S. 2761, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to maintain demographic information regarding veterans and publish such information on a website of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2794, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase automatic maximum coverage under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program and the Veterans' Group Life Insurance program, S. 3047, to establish a pilot program to support medical residency and fellowship programs that assist veterans, S. 3094, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve

homeless veterans reintegration programs, S. 3163, to improve access to medical examinations required by veterans to obtain disability compensation or pension under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and an original bill entitled, “Veterans Benefits Improvement Act”, after receiving testimony from Brianne Ogilvie, Assistant Deputy Undersecretary for Policy and Oversight, Veterans Benefits Administration, Jill DeBord, Executive Director, Care Management and Social Work, Veterans Health Administration, and Marjorie Bowman, Chief Academic Affiliations Officer, Office of Academic Affiliations, both of the Veterans Health Administration, and Christopher A. Wilber, Counselor to the Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and Jeremy M. Villanueva, Disabled American Veterans, and Patrick Murray, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, both of Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intel-

ligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

ILLICIT DRUG TRADE AND CORRUPTION

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Caucus concluded a hearing to examine the nexus between the illicit drug trade and corruption, after receiving testimony from Todd D. Robinson, Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; Bruce C. Swartz, Deputy Assistant Attorney General and Counselor for International Affairs, Department of Justice; Shannon N. Green, Executive Director of the Anti-Corruption Task Force and Senior Advisor to the Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development; John Brandolino, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Vienna, Austria; Vanda Felbab-Brown, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.; and Clay R. Fuller, University of South Carolina Walker Institute, Columbia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 5991–6013; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 64–65; and H. Res. 796–802, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 795, providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 789) censuring Representative Paul Gosar (H. Rept. 117–174).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Espaillat to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:43 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Censuring Representative Paul Gosar: The House agreed to H. Res. 789, censuring Representative Paul Gosar, by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 207 nays with one answering “present”, Roll No. 379. Subsequently, the House has resolved: that Representative Gosar be censured;

that Representative Gosar forthwith present himself in the well of the House of Representatives for the pronouncement of censure;

that Representative Gosar be censured with the public reading of this resolution by the Speaker; and that Representative Gosar be, and is hereby, removed from the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Oversight and Reform. **Pages H6336–48**

H. Res. 795, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 789) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 378, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 377.

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House Democracy Partnership-Appointment:

The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members of the House to the House Democracy Partnership: Representative Price (NC), Chair; Representatives Moore (WI), Titus, Connolly, Lieu, Torres (CA), Kelly (IL), Sewell, DeGette, Lee (CA), and Cicilline.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H6329.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6335, H6336, and H6347.